

2008 Prevent Child Abuse and Neglect Conference

Hilton Garden Inn, Missoula, Montana

April 22-24, 2008

DAY ONE - Tuesday, April 22, 2008

11:00 -11:30	DPHHS Director Joan Miles, Attorney General Mike McGrath, CFSD Administrator Shirley K. Brown
11:30 -12:45	Served Luncheon (must register)
11:30 -12:45	Victor Vieth, J.D. Unto the Third Generation: A Call to End Child Abuse Within 120 Years
12:45 -1:00	Break
1:00 - 2:45	Barbara Hart, J.D. Lessons From Children on Surviving Domestic Violence
2:45 - 3:00	Break
3:00 - 4:45	Victor Vieth, J.D. Preparing Kids for Court Testifying in Court
4:45 - 6:45	Mick Leary and Monica Poole-Lillyblad For CFSD In-Home Services Providers Only

Victor Vieth, J.D., Director of the National Center for the Prosecution of Child Abuse since 1999, in 2007, NCPTC merged with the National Association to Prevent Sexual Abuse of Children (NAPSAC). This new partnership promises to continue Victor's mission of protecting children. **Unto the Third Generation:** Learn the five obstacles that prevent us from ending child abuse and learn of sweeping changes now taking place in our child protection system that will enable us to significantly reduce and perhaps eliminate child abuse over the course of the next three generations. The keynote is based on a scholarly work that was published in the Journal of Aggression, Maltreatment and Trauma and in the Hamline Journal of Public Law and Policy, Fall 2006.

Barbara Hart, J.D., A Senior Policy and Legal Advisor of the Battered Women's Justice Project and the Director of Law and Policy Violence Against Women Initiatives at the Muskie School of Public Service. **Lessons From Children:** The keynote will highlight the resilience of children living in the context of and with the consequences of domestic violence. It will examine the contributions of children in the struggle for safe families and invite conference participants to consider what a neighbor, teacher, coach, police officer, preacher or store clerk can do to provide the safe haven that will enable children to grapple with the violence in their lives, heal from the trauma, and build strong safety networks with their protection, parents and their communities.

Victor Vieth, J.D., Preparing Children for Court: Learn creative strategies for empowering children to effectively handle the stress of testifying in court. Participants will also learn of creative pre-trial motions and other strategies to modify the courtroom and the procedures of testifying to reduce the stress level of child witnesses.

Victor Vieth, J.D., Testifying in Court: Learn to prepare for testifying in court, and learn about common cross-examination tactics and how to respond to them. Participants will also learn how to handle themselves in a direct examination.

DAY TWO – Wednesday Morning, April 23, 2008

8:30 -10:00	Victor Vieth, J.D. Ethical Issues for Civil Child Protection Attorneys
10:00 - 10:15	Break
10:15 - 11:45	Kristina Poly, MSW Casey Family Program on Permanency and National Foster Club All Stars Panel
11:45 - 1:15	CASA Board has a meeting
11:45 - 1:15	Lunch on your own

Victor Vieth, J.D., Ethical Issues for the Civil Child Protection Attorney: Learn to handle the ethical issues often facing the civil child protection attorney. Questions/Learning objectives covered: Is it ethical for the child protection attorney to show the child the CAC videotaped interview and any child protection deposition transcript and then question the child about inconsistencies, in preparation for trial? Does a child protection attorney and/or prosecutor have an ethical obligation to earn and maintain a child victim's trust or is our goal more appropriately to litigate or prosecute the case as effectively as possible, given the limitations on an attorney's time and energy? How do you ethically fulfill your obligation to "protect" children from defense attorneys who seek to intimidate children? Does a CPS attorney have any additional options? What do you do when a child witness lies on the stand? What is the role of the child protection attorney in dealing with the parent of a child victim when that parent has made it clear s/he does not believe the allegations nor support his/her child and accuses you of breaking up the family? What obligation does the child protection attorney have to be aware of ethical guidelines for his or her witnesses?

Kristina Poly, MSW is a Senior Program Associate for Program Development with Casey Family Services in New Haven, Connecticut. This presentation will highlight four key strategies that in combination are critical to achieving permanence for children and youth: youth engagement, family search and engagement, teaming and court improvements. This discussion highlights the importance of having ongoing - often difficult - clarifying permanency conversations that help children and youth make sense of their past, understand their present and plan for their future. The strategies highlighted rely on our ability to initiate and often revisit these conversations and acknowledge the family and community partnerships needed to promote permanency. A panel of National Foster Club All Stars will also share their own perspectives and experiences related to these strategies.

DAY TWO – Wednesday Afternoon, April 23, 2008

Break Out Sessions: 1:30–3:00 PM and 3:15–4:45 PM

1. **National Foster Club All Stars Getting Solid:** A presentation on the youth's perspective on permanency by foster care alumni. Learn how to "Get Solid" with the Foster Club All-Stars. Explore what permanence is all about; learn how to assisting youth to get it if they don't already have it. Using our new publication Getting Solid, each participant will develop the necessary resources to guide them in helping youth develop and establish responsible and reliable relationships with adults that can develop into permanent partnerships. Kristina Poly, MSW will participate.
2. **Barbara Hart, J.D.** is a Senior Policy and Legal Advisor of the Battered Women's Justice Project and the Director of Law and Policy Violence Against Women Initiatives at the

Muskie School of Public Service. **Teen Dating Violence:** An interactive opportunity to consider prevention and coordinated community interventions to avert and confront teen dating violence and to safeguard and restore victims and vulnerable family members. Participants will explore school curricula, teen abuser group counseling, hotline services, interventions by the juvenile and protection order courts, threat management strategies in schools, families, sports leaders and the church to interrupt teen dating violence, prevent recidivism and enhance survivor restoration. A short video clip will bring the voices of teens grappling with dating violence.

3. **Daniel Vierthaler**, FBI Agent, Masters degree from Auburn University. FBI Special Agent for 19 years, for the past 3.5 years Agent Vierthaler has been responsible for the investigation of computer crimes against children. He is the coordinator of a cyber crimes task force which is hosted by the FBI in Billings. **Project Child Safe - FBI Agent on Cyber Stalking:** Learn the Internet habits of young people, to include ongoing trends, case studies which describe, in detail, the investigation and successful prosecution of Montana offenders.
4. **Linda Juneau, MA** Anthropologist, University of Montana's Tribal Liaison. **The Tribes of Montana and the Importance of Oral Histories:** Focus on Tribes of Montana, aspects of their history, cultures, spirituality, productivity, contemporary life and social issues among both reservation and non-reservation communities.
5. **Dee Wilson, MSW** Director of the Northwest Institute for Children and Families, a self-sustaining unit of the School of Social Work at the University of Washington. **Substance Abuse and Reunification:** Explore research regarding the reunification of children in out-of-home care with substance abusing parents, and consider the dilemmas that face practitioners and decision-makers in child welfare interventions with these families. Propose a set of indicators by which to evaluate parents' readiness to regain custody of their children and provide a safe, nurturing home.
6. **Nora J. Baladerian, Ph.D.** Licensed Clinical Psychologist , Practicing Forensic Psychologist **Forensic Interviewing Skills to use with Sexual Assault Victims with Developmental Disabilities aka Cognitive and/or Communication Disabilities:** Expand the knowledge and skills of the participants to more effectively interview with children with cognitive and/or communication issues.
7. **Kevin Campbell** Kevin Campbell is a youth permanency expert and creator of Family Finding, a set of strategies being used around the country to find lifelong supports for children and young people in America's foster care system. **Ensuring Youth Have Permanent Connections:** Our loneliest youth are in the child welfare system with out family connections to provide a sense of belonging and unconditional care. This session will explore the history and values of the Family Finding practice. Participants will learn the six steps of Family Fining practice, including how to find and engage family members to be life long connections for these children. Participants will hear examples of how this practice has been successfully implemented throughout the nation.
8. **Barb Sample**, Executive Director of Family Support Network, Billings, Montana.

9. **Randi Hankins, MSW** Randi Hankins is an Associate Professor of Clinical Social Work at Walla Walla University, she maintains a fulltime clinical practice on the Crisis Response Unit in Southeastern Washington. **Containing the Storm:** Learn to deal with the anger and rage of youth in foster care. Explore the roots of anger and rage, effects on cognitive processing, effective ways to contain and reduce anger explosions and developing coping skills to reduce triggers and build self control.

Day Three - Thursday, April 24, 2008

7:30 - 8:15	Served Breakfast (must register)
8:00 - 8:15	John Engen, Mayor of Missoula
8:15 - 9:00	CFSD, CASA and Governor's Children's Trust Fund Awards Presentations
9:00 - 10:00	Kevin Campbell Lighting the Fire of Urgency: Family Finding
10:00 - 10:15	Break
10:15 - 10:45	Michael Piraino CEO National CASA
10:45 - 11:30	Mike Jetty Office of Public Instruction Honor Song, Indian Education for All

Kevin Campbell Lighting the Fire of Urgency: Family Finding: How we can remove the systemic barriers blocking children, in out-of-home care, from maintaining or reestablishing contact and relationships with those that love them? "Family Finding," recently featured on "60 Minutes," implements extraordinary frameworks that may help us rethink what is possible in terms of improving safety, well-being, and permanency outcome for these important youth.

Michael Piraino, J.D. CEO National CASA Michael Piraino has been active in domestic and international child advocacy since 1977, primarily in the areas of child poverty, maltreatment, and foster care. He holds a law degree with a specialization in international legal affairs from Cornell Law School and a Masters from Oxford University. While practicing law, he provided pro bono guardian ad litem representation to foster children. Since joined the National CASA Association as its chief executive officer in 1994, the number of volunteer advocates has grown to over 58,000, now serving 220,000 children each year. He has donated his time and expenses to assist in the replication of CASA in the Philippines, and continues to provide technical assistance for child representation programs in several other countries.

Mike Jetty Office of Public Instruction Indian Education for All: Mike Jetty is currently working at the Montana Office of Public Instruction as an Indian Education Specialist. He is an enrolled member of the Spirit Lake Dakota (Sioux) Nation. Mike has been working in the field of Indian education for the past 17 years. Mike has classroom teaching experience at the K-12 and University level, most recently as an Adjunct Instructor teaching Multicultural Education courses at Montana State. Prior to coming out to MT to attend graduate school, Mike taught Social Studies for 3 years at Takini School on the Cheyenne River reservation.